

Stanley practiced law in Tampa for over 40 years and earned the high respect of his colleagues in the Bar. He was Of Counsel with Akerman, Senterfitt and a partner at Shear, Newman, Hahn & Rosenkranz, PA for 15 years, 10 of which he was president of the firm. Stanley was named to Best Lawyers in America for the 20 years of the publication's existence.

Teaching and mentoring were two other areas in which Stanley excelled. He formerly taught in the graduate LLM Tax program at the University of Florida. Stanley was currently an adjunct professor in Tax at the Stetson College of Law and also had taught Business Law and accounting at the University of Tampa.

However, Stanley always made time to serve others. Stanley was active in Tampa's Jewish community, serving as president of Congregation Schaarai Zedek, president of the Tampa Jewish Federation, president of the Southeast Region of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of URJ. He also served on the boards of Florida Blood Services and the Children's Home and contributed as a leader of many other civic and charitable causes.

Stanley's family and friends will remember him for all of these things, his rare personal qualities and so much more. On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I honor Stanley for his service and shining example to us all and send my deepest sympathies to his loved ones.

HONORING LAWRENCE DENARDIS,  
PH.D. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding leaders, and my good friend, Lawrence DeNardis, as he is honored by family, friends, and colleagues for his 13 years of service as President of the University of New Haven. Larry has dedicated a lifetime of service to the community and we are certainly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of his unparalleled compassion, generosity, and commitment.

For over a decade, Larry has been at the helm of the University of New Haven and under his leadership and direction the University has truly prospered. I have often spoke of our Nation's need for talented, creative educators, willing to help our young people learn and grow—Larry is just that kind of teacher. Larry has spent most of his professional career in higher education. For 16 years he served as Associate Professor and Chairman of Political Science at Albertus Magnus College, Visiting Professor of Government at Connecticut College, Guest Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars of the Smithsonian Institution, and seminar instructor at Yale University. His good work and diligent efforts to provide a quality education to his students has touched the lives of thousands of young people—going a long way in providing them with a strong foundation on which to build their futures.

Larry's outstanding record of contributions to education has been recognized both locally and nationally. Immediately prior to his appointment as President of the University of New Haven, Larry served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Policy and Economic Council and was appointed by former Governor Lowell Weicker as Chair of the Connecticut Board of Governors of Higher Education. Larry was also selected by former President George W. Bush for an appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, a group which oversees the accreditation of institutions and associations in higher education.

In addition to his distinguished career in education, Larry has also served in public life where he demonstrated a unique commitment to public service. He served five terms in the Connecticut State Senate as well as one term as the United States Representative for Connecticut's Third Congressional District. After his term in the United States House of Representatives, Larry went on to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the United States Department of Health and Human Services. He was also appointed by former President George W. Bush as a member of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine—a position which he held for four years.

It is not often that you find an individual who so willingly dedicates himself to the betterment of his community. In addition to his professional contributions, Larry has worked with numerous local business and service organizations aimed at providing a better quality of life for the residents of the Greater New Haven area. Our communities would not be the same without people like Larry, who give their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of others.

Through his contributions, Larry has left an indelible mark on our community. For all of his good work, I am proud to rise today to join his wife, Mary Lou; his four children Larry, Jr., Gregory, Mark, and Lesley; family, friends, and colleagues in extending my thanks and appreciation to my friend Lawrence DeNardis. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

### TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS ROBINSON GREER

### HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to legendary civil rights attorney Douglas Robinson Greer. On July 15, 2004, California lost one of its most respected and accomplished advocates for civil rights when Douglas Greer passed away. As we remember and pay tribute to Douglas' many wonderful contributions to his friends, family, and fellow citizens, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting this exceptional man and my good friend, Douglas Robinson Greer.

A native of Los Angeles, Douglas was born on January 27, 1916 to Henry Douglas Greer and Leonie Robinson Greer. In 1920, the Douglas family relocated to Sacramento. Douglas was an accomplished student at William Land and Newton Booth Elementary

Schools, and later, Stanford Jr. High and Sacramento Senior High School.

Douglas joined the U.S. Armed Services in 1942 and was stationed at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. After two years of service, Douglas enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley. Douglas received a Bachelor's degree in 1948.

Disheartened by the racism that surrounded him, Douglas made up his mind that he was going to play an active role in improving the lives of minorities. Douglas earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco in 1952. A year later, Douglas opened the office of Douglas Greer, Attorney at Law. In doing so, Douglas became only the second African American to establish a full-time law practice in Sacramento's history.

As a lawyer, Douglas was a trailblazer and an ardent defender of civil rights and civil liberties. Doug fought hard to challenge unfair housing and discriminatory hiring practices. Many of his early clients could only afford to pay meager fees, or often none at all. But, Douglas remained undaunted.

Douglas was once quoted as saying that he was anxious to "get into court and get fighting." In of his cases in the late 1950s, Douglas demonstrated his commitment to justice and equality when he took on a case involving an African American couple that was prevented from buying a house in Sacramento because of their skin color. Douglas filed a malicious interference suit. The suit was then and remains the first such suit filed on the basis of race in California.

Throughout his illustrious career, Douglas showed a deep commitment to stand for justice and take on established entities such as Harrah's Casino, the Greyhound Bus Lines and the Home Loan Bank Board. Douglas gave it his all to test public accommodation laws and other acts of discriminatory practices. In many of his cases, Douglas triumphed in successfully lowering barriers of discrimination and the unfair treatment of minorities.

In addition to his status as one of the area's most well respected attorneys, Douglas was also active in the community. From 1953 to 1957, Douglas served with great distinction as the President of the Sacramento Chapter of the NAACP. Douglas was an icon of hope for many minorities. Douglas often urged young lawyers to challenge "unjust laws and racist systems." Throughout his life, Douglas' quiet courage, fighting spirit and his unwavering pursuit of commitment served as an inspiration to many who looked to his leadership and example. The Observer Newspaper recently recognized Douglas for his countless achievements and contributions by naming him one of Sacramento's "African American Legends."

Douglas was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Leonie Greer, and his sisters, Lucy Amerson and Portia Henderson. He is survived by a niece, Leonie Craddock, a nephew, Gilbert Craddock, three great nieces and a long list of professional associates, friends, and admirers.

Mr. Speaker, as Douglas Greer's family and friends gather to pay tribute to his wonderful life, I am honored to express my respect and gratitude to one of Sacramento's finest citizens. It was truly a privilege for me to count Douglas Greer as a friend. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Douglas Greer's remarkable life.